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REPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, QUESTIONS RELATING TO REFUGEES, RETURNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS AND HUMANITARIAN QUESTIONS

Armenia, Belarus, Denmark, Georgia, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Kazakstan, Kyrgyzstan, Norway, Russian Federation, Spain and Ukraine: draft resolution

Comprehensive consideration and review of the problems of refugees, returnees, displaced persons and related migratory movements

The General Assembly,

Recalling the 1951 Convention 1/ and the 1967 Protocol 2/ relating to the Status of Refugees,

Recalling also its resolutions 48/113 of 20 December 1993 and 49/173 of 23 December 1994,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General 3/ and the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, 4/

1/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 189, No. 2545.

2/ Ibid., vol. 606, No. 8791.

3/ A/50/414.

4/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 12 (A/50/12); and ibid., Supplement No. 12A (A/50/12/Add.1).

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Reaffirming the need for the international community to consider comprehensive approaches for the coordination of action with regard to refugees, returnees, displaced persons and related migratory movements,

Considering the magnitude of existing and potential refugee and related migratory movements in the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and relevant neighbouring States,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General 3/ as well as of the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, 4/ in particular paragraph 30 of the addendum to the report;

2. Calls upon the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, in consultation with States concerned and in coordination with relevant intergovernmental, regional and non-governmental organizations, to continue to consider and develop comprehensive regional approaches to the problems of refugees and displaced persons;

3. Expresses its appreciation to the High Commissioner for her efforts to promote and develop a transparent preparatory process for a regional conference to address the problems of refugees, returnees, displaced persons and other forms of involuntary displacement in the countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States and relevant neighbouring States;

4. Welcomes the establishment of a common secretariat for the preparation of the Conference, comprising the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Organization for Migration and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and its Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights;

5. Requests the High Commissioner, in close cooperation with States and intergovernmental organizations concerned, to convene the Conference in 1996;

6. Expresses its appreciation to the United Nations bodies and agencies and other international organizations and institutions for their valuable contribution to the preparatory process leading to the Conference;

7. Urges all States concerned and appropriate intergovernmental, regional and non-governmental organizations to support that process;

8. Appeals to all States and regional and intergovernmental organizations to provide the necessary support and resources needed by the Secretariat for the preparation and holding of the Conference;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution.